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1. During the first two weeks in April 1950 [redacted] observed 100 planes in 50X1-HUM Hsuehou, 40 planes in Nanking and 60 planes in Shanghai. Two-thirds were fighters, the rest were bombers, transports and observation planes. [redacted] also saw Russian pilots. 50X1-HUM
2. From 18 through 20 April 1950, an estimated 50 jet-propelled fighter aircraft were observed on airfields in the Shanghai area. Airfield ground personnel stated that the current mission of the "People's Air Force is protection of Taiwan invasion preparations." The aircraft are flying regular defensive patrols in the Shanghai-Hangchow area. "Some" of these missions are being flown by Soviet pilots.
3. Hangchow Bay and Chinshanwei (121-19, 30-44) are the main assembly points for landing craft for the Taiwan invasion. During the first week in April an estimated 1,000 landing craft were seen in these areas, in addition to 500 in Soochow Creek near Shanghai. Most of the craft were built in other places, such as Tsingtao and Dairen, and were towed to the Hangchow area for installation of the engines. All of the craft observed were made of wood and were different sizes; the smallest is capable of carrying 50 troops. Some have no armor protection, some have steel or iron plate around the engines and troop compartments, and others are protected with sand bags. The bulk of the vessels from the former Nationalist 2 Fleet were also observed in this area.
4. Artillery tanks and other armored vehicles for the invasion of Taiwan are

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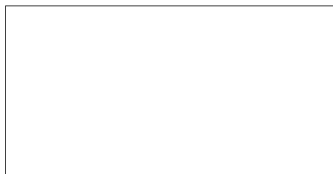


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concentrated in the Hangchow area between Leifengwu (120-54, 32-55) and Tienchu (120-06, 30-14) hsien. A new highway has been built into the area and there are strong anti-aircraft batteries around the perimeter.

5. The naval phase of the Taiwan invasion is under the command of CHANG Ai-p'ing (張愛萍) , who divides his time between Shanghai and Dairen. Larger combat vessels of the invasion fleet are concentrated at Dairen, including the CHUNGKING , which is in operating condition. Crews of these vessels are drafted from former merchant sailors trained in Tsingtao and Dairen . 50X1-HUM
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6. Special training camps for amphibious operations are scattered throughout the Shanghai-Hangchow area. All training schedules and other invasion preparations are ordered to be completed by 1 May. All operations orders, training courses and operational planning for the invasion must have the concurrence of attached Soviet advisory missions.



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